

## BUILDING DEVELOPMENTS

An Astonishing Record of Building Improvements.

A REVIEW FOR TEN YEARS

Nearly Twenty-One Hundred Buildings Erected,

VALUED AT NEARLY \$5,000,000.00

Nearly One Thousand Erected During the Past Year,

AT A COST OF NEARLY \$1,000,000.00

This Showing Does Not Embrace Improvements or Repairs.

A RECORD UNSURPASSED IN THE SOUTHERN STATES

The exhibit that THE VIRGINIAN presents as to building construction in this city is a most remarkable showing of the rapid growth and development of Norfolk. The simple announcement, that since the 1st of January, 1885, to the 31st of December, 1894, there have been erected 1,175 brick and stone buildings and 978 frame houses, making a total of 2,153 buildings, at a valuation of \$4,641,003, furnishes the story in a nutshell, and it is a record that is not equaled by any other city in the South, and by possibly no city in the country, starting with a like population, without any of the "boom" features to promote a growth. As the figures will show, the greatest development in this line of the city's progress was during the past year, when 189 brick and stone structures, and 252 frame buildings were erected at an expenditure of \$351,858, and the outlook for the coming year is even of a more promising character.

In the new residential section of "Ghent," in the development of which, the Norfolk Company has made an outlay of nearly \$1,000,000, and which is one of the most beautiful residential sections in the United States, fully \$300,000 has been expended in the erection of dwellings. In the figures mentioned above there is no estimate of simple improvements to buildings in the shape of repairs or additions. Fully a million and a half dollars have been expended in this way. In the past five years, more than \$3,000,000 have been spent in the erection of buildings—and the bulk of the same for residences. Among the costlier fine business blocks erected in the past three or four years, may be mentioned:

The Tait & Son seed building, on Market square, \$15,000; the Columbia Building on Granby street, \$30,000; the Gladstone Hotel on East Main street, \$24,000; Ballentine Arcade and Market, Queen and Church streets, \$25,000; the Haddington office building, on Granby street, \$20,000; the Ballentine office building, on Main street, \$21,000; the Roper warehouse, on Water street, \$30,000; the Taylor warehouse, on Water street, \$15,000; the new Market and Armory, \$100,000; St. Luke's Episcopal Church, \$5,000; the Norfolk Almshouse, \$25,000; Brambleton school, \$15,000; Atlantic City school, \$24,000. Among the costly residences are those of Mr. John Graham, in Ghent, \$11,000; Dr. F. P. Webster, on Freemason street, \$20,000; Horace Hardy's, Ghent, \$19,000; J. W. Borrow, Ghent, \$20,000; W. H. White, Ghent, \$20,000; Fergus Reed, Ghent, \$18,000; W. H. Doyle, Ghent, \$12,000; Lieut. Waller, Ghent, \$12,000; J. G. Womble, Ghent, \$12,000; Richard Tunstall, Ghent, \$12,000; Page Waller, \$10,000; J. B. Lowenberg, block on Bute street, \$30,000; Walter's block, Crescent avenue, Ghent, \$15,000; the Motin block, Ghent, \$2,000; the Andrews block, Ghent, \$20,000; the Rev. Granby Street Methodist Church, "Epworth," \$100,000; Dr. Taylor's residence, Bute street, \$15,000; A. H. Granby's residence, Freemason street, \$18,000; St. Mary's Catholic rectory, \$12,000, and many others, ranging from \$5,000 to \$8,000. All the late structures erected, and in course of erection, are of beautiful style and improved order of architecture. Some have been built with complete stone exteriors. The building trade supports some ten architects, some thirty odd building contractors, and a large force of mechanics. Building material is extensively manufactured here, and as reasonable as any place in the country.

The following is the tabulated schedule of buildings erected in Norfolk through the past ten years, as published by Capt. W. T. Brooks, City Engineer, and Mr. John E. Keeling, Inspector of Buildings; to which THE VIRGINIAN expresses its thanks:

Year.	Brick.	Frame.	Total.	Estimated Value.
1885	145	69	214	\$211,075
1886	169	70	239	283,945
1887	123	44	167	148,000
1888	69	36	105	85,000
1889	89	60	149	137,215
1890	79	71	150	137,000
1891	93	71	164	142,000
1892	78	109	187	142,000
1893	173	126	299	250,000
1894	189	252	441	351,858
Total:	1,175	978	2,153	\$1,641,003

These figures, as before remarked, tell the story of Norfolk's development.

## A WOMAN AS A SHERIFF.

She Has Long Been a Brave and Efficient Officer.

A Belvidere, Ill., special in the Chicago Times, says: After twelve years of active, hazardous and exciting life as Chief Deputy Sheriff of Boone county, Ill., Mrs. Sarah J. Ames has hung up her handkerchiefs, quit carrying a gun and delivered the keys of the county jail into the hands of her successor.

While Mrs. Ames' official title has been "Chief Deputy Sheriff," she has, in fact, been the High Sheriff for the last two years on account of the ill health of her husband, Albert T. Ames, who held the certificate of election to the office his wife has filled. She discharged the duties in such a satisfactory manner that the Republicans tried to prevail upon her to accept a nomination for Sheriff last fall.

In her public career and in private life Mrs. Ames has ever exhibited the unflinching sign of genius and modesty. She says that she has not done anything remarkable. However, here is what she has done during the time she occupied the Sheriff's office with her husband: Served papers in all forms of civil process.

Opened court each morning during the term.

Was in charge of the county jail and personally admitted and discharged all prisoners.

Made more arrests than any man connected with the Sheriff's office.

Arrested several criminals at the point of a pistol.

Tracked fleeing criminals into other counties and States and apprehended them.

Unraveled several mysteries of crime and brought the perpetrators to justice.

Personally conveyed all persons adjudged insane in her county to the insane asylum.

Made all arrangements for the execution of a condemned felon, and was the happiest woman in the State of Illinois when the Governor commuted the sentence.

Organized a ladies' cavalry club for political purposes and personally conducted her husband's last campaign.

NORFOLK HIDE AND TALLOW CO.

Extensive Dealers in Everything Pertaining to These Lines of Trade.

Few persons not interested in this department of commerce have any adequate conception of the extent and magnitude of the hide and tallow business, which is so simply and well illustrated in Norfolk by the Norfolk Hide and Tallow Company, whose commodious quarters are located at 66 Water street.

The company are extensive dealers in hides, sheep and calf skins, fat, bones, tallow, neatsfoot oil, etc., for which they will pay city or country slaughterers or butchers the highest cash prices.

Backed by ample capital and having a valuable connection with eastern and western markets and manufacturers, the Norfolk Hide and Tallow Company will compare favorably with any contemporary house in the South.

The company are also exporters of oils and are widely and favorably known throughout Europe. The business is managed with liberal and intelligent enterprise, and the interests of patrons are given the most careful regard.

Mr. John S. Lanigan, the manager of the company's business here, is a native of New York city, and all who patronize him will find a gentleman of unimpeachable integrity, honorable business methods and fully competent for the successful execution of everything which may be demanded in his line of business.

LOGIC EXTRAORDINARY.

Links Between Clover Seed and Old Maids.

Darwin said the amount of clover seed produced in any given locality was proportionate to the number of "old maids" there resident, which he proved by the following sentiment: "There can be no clover seed without the bumble-bee, because no other insect fertilizes it. The enemy of the bumble-bee is the common field mouse, that steals into their nest and destroys the larvae and eats up the honey. The enemy of the mouse is the common house cat, and the solid friend of the cat is the old maid. Consequently the more old maids the more cats; the more cats the less mice, and the less mice the more bumble-bees, the more bees the more clover seed."

Hinting for Prayers.

A very pretty story about a confiding child is told of the 4-year-old son of a member of the Georgia Legislature. Having left the boy in a room of one of the big hotels of the metropolis, with the command to get to bed immediately, he went down to seek his congenial friends in the office. The bell boys were soon thrown into consternation by the many and various calls from the room in which the little fellow had been left, and quite a number of them were soon collected there. But it was not water, or fire, or a "B. & S." that the child wanted. He astonished the boys with his unusual request: "Please, sirs, send some one to tell me to say my prayers."—Harper's Magazine.

Great Britain's Wheat Needs.

Great Britain promises to import about 200,000,000 bushels of wheat on this crop. The early estimates of her import needs placed them at 180,000,000 bushels.

## BUSINESS SECTIONS

TERRITORY IT OCCUPIES AND ACTIVITY IT EXHIBITS

It Presents Scenes of Activity Compared to New York—The Grouping of Trade Industry—Some Historic Spots.

The business section of Norfolk presents daily an animated scene. In no city of the South is there such apparent activity. Main street at times is compared to Broadway, New York, because of the crowds that move to and fro, up and down this thoroughfare, going from store to store. This street also presents great activity because of the many vehicles of all kinds, and the handsome and swift going electric cars which move to all sections of the city from the head of old Market square. Water street is at times a perfect jam in the movements about the wholesale establishments, while a docks and wharves always present a scene of great business activity.

The wholesale quarter begins at the wharves and belts the water front of Norfolk proper, three or four squares wide for the length of perhaps three quarters of a mile. Here the jobbing business of the whole Norfolk group of cities, some Portsmouth houses excepted, is massed. Certain streets and wharves are almost entirely given over to a single pursuit. The buyers and brokers of cotton by sample very naturally gravitate toward their Exchange as a center; the dealers in the actual staple, the receivers, exporters and compressors, are on Fayette and Commerce streets and Roanoke avenue, and between Roanoke dock and the Bay Line wharf; and the factors mingle largely as their business does, with the provision and commission trade.

The peanut trade is divided among cotton factories, produce men and others, and so also is the fertilizer business, and neither has any special abiding place. The factories, too, the lumber mills excepted, are dispersed over the business quarter and scattered over the suburbs of Norfolk are the lumber men occupying almost solidly the Berkley riverside, and there also nearly all the shipyards are, with the offices in Norfolk.

Old Market Square, in Norfolk, is especially a buyer's resort. This square is historic and is down in the guide books as one of the sights of the city. It is at the head of the public ferries, and was until lately the site of the market for domestic supplies. This market has been transplanted to City Hall Square, but the old square still retains its former characteristics with numerous business houses fronting both sides of it, which are both jobbing and retailing establishments. The retail streets proper are on Main, Church, Bank and Granby streets. The store along these thoroughfares are exceptionally numerous, and many vie in the matter of embellishment and display, with those in the "greater cities."

Metropolitan Life Insurance Company.

It were a mere waste of labor and space to recount the reasons and arguments for life insurance. They are so many, so convincing and so obvious that it is almost incredible that any sane person who can, by any possibility, spare the means from his every day necessities, will hesitate for a single week to invest in a policy that, in case of his death, will at least keep the wolf from the door of his wife, little ones or other dependents, until they are enabled to provide for themselves.

Prominent among the standard institutions of the country organized for the purpose of relieving the widow, the orphan and the defenseless, at the time when such aid is most acceptable and grateful, is the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, of New York, incorporated twenty-eight years ago in 1866.

Industrial insurance as offered by this company has become one of the most beneficial methods yet devised for burial and securing a fund at the very time when it is most needed. By this method the insured pays 5 cents a week and upwards, and in return therefor receives an agreement to pay to the family of the insured a sum ranging in amount according to the payments agreed to be made, but always sufficient to bury the deceased in a decent and becoming manner.

The payments are made immediately after proof of death, so that they may be expended upon the burial. Children, married women, and, indeed, all classes of people may thus secure insurance, and there is no restriction in the policies confining the insured to certain prescribed trades or industries, or preventing him from travelling wherever and whenever he pleases.

The largest and most reliable insurance company issuing these industrial insurance policies is the "Metropolitan," of New York, which now has agencies throughout the United States. The Norfolk agency is located in the Ballentine building, at 172 and 174 Main street, and is under the management of Mr. H. M. Bird, who has six assistants and sixty agents.

This agency has charge of the company's insurance in Portsmouth, Berkley, Newport News, Hampton, Old Point and Suffolk, and our readers are cordially advised to seek protection by insuring with the Metropolitan Company. It is a positive duty for fathers and mothers to avail themselves of the opportunities afforded by this method of insurance, which costs so little and does so much real, practical good.

Energetic men, of first-class character, can always find employment with this company, and Mr. Bird is always ready and willing to offer to such good terms.

With over \$20,000,000 capital, with nearly 2,500,000 new policies written in the last year, with more than \$5,500,000 paid on death claims in 1893, and nearly \$31,000,000 paid since organization, the Metropolitan is in a position to command the attention of all who are interested in life insurance. The amount being paid for death claims in 1894 will average \$1,200 per minute.

It is almost a work of supererogation to commend such an institution as the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company to public confidence. Some of the most noted business men of the Union have been in the past, and are now, connected with it, and its own noble and conservative career, of nearly thirty years, supplies the best commentary upon its management and usefulness.

THE WHEAT INDUSTRY.

Some Interesting Figures as Far as This Country is Concerned.

The milling industry is the largest in the United States in point of capital and help employed. The American Miller says: Our mills have ample capacity to convert into flour every bushel of wheat grown in this country, and, like the railroads and farming interests, the milling industry is spread over the entire country, being confined to no particular section.

In 1835 flour represented 97 per cent. of the wheat exports from the United States. That per cent. has steadily declined until flour represents now about 30 per cent. of the wheat exports—a decline of 67 per cent. in the face of a constantly increasing capacity to manufacture flour in the country. In 1892 the wheat exports amounted to 225,665,812 bushels, of which 157,180,351 bushels went as raw material, and 68,385,461 bushels as the manufactured product. In 1893 the exports amounted to 191,912,634 bushels, of which 117,121,109 bushels was in the shape of raw material. Were it possible to export this as flour, the saving to our country would be from \$8,000,000 to \$10,000,000, the cost of manufacture. Of this amount the greater part would be paid out in labor.

This Country's Flour Mills. There are 18,740 flour mills in the United States, with a capital of \$205,000,000. In Illinois there are 647 mills, with a capital of \$13,000,000.

A Tip for Wives.

The Portuguese say that no man can be a good husband who does not eat a good breakfast.

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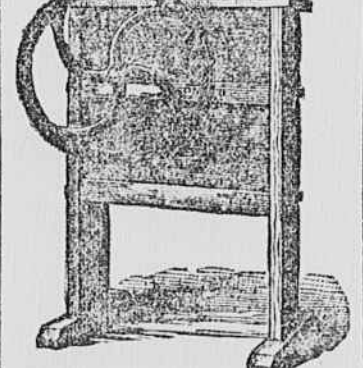
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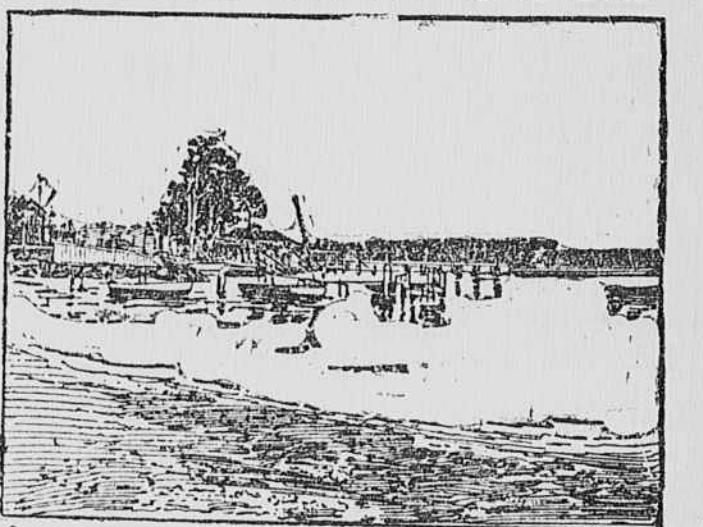
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